

Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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We need a system that...

- **Understands our kids' histories**
- **Understands what a “hard place” is**
- **Understands how the whole child is impacted**

EVERY CHILD comes with a history.
We need to **UNDERSTAND** their
histories if we want to **HELP** them.

There are **SIX** risk factors
that make a **HARD PLACE**

- **Prenatal stress and harm**
- **Difficult labor and delivery**
- **Early medical trauma**
- **Abuse**
- **Neglect**
- **Trauma**

Hard places impact the **WHOLE CHILD**

- **Altered BRAIN development**
- **Changed BIOLOGY**
- **Impact on the BODY and the processing of sensory inputs**
- **Altered BELIEFS**
- **Response to stress and fear affects BEHAVIOR**

We need families that are...

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- **Equipped for the journey**
 - **Supported along the way**
 - **Connected to others**

Empowered to Connect

- **Interactive Learning Experience**
- **Designed for adoptive and foster parents**
- **Relies heavily on the TBRI model developed at the Institute of Child development at TCU**
- **Helps parents understand their child's history and needs**

- **Prepare Course**
- **Connect Course**
- **Discipline that Connects and Corrects**

Post-Adopt Services

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- **Counseling**
 - **Respite**
 - **Camp**



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